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1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF CONOFF'S INTERVIEW WITH
MR. CRAMER. CRAMER DID NOT DISPUTE ANY PART OF THE BDC
SUMMARY AND PROVIDED THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

2. APRIL 1941/JULY 1941

CRAMER STATES THAT SINCE HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE
HITLER YOUTH, HE WAS AUTOMATICALLY DRAWN INTO WAFFEN SS
AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS STUDIES. HE WAS CALLED TO THE
ZWEITE SS ERSATZ REGIMENT (2ND SS ARTILLERY RESERVE
REGIMENT) IN MUENCHEN-FREIMANN (MUNICH). HE
PARTICIPATED IN BASIC ARTILLERY TRAINING WITH SPECIAL
TRAINING IN SURVEYING. HE NO LONGER REMEMBERS THE NAME
OF ANY OF HIS COMMANDING OFFICERS DURING THIS TIME.

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3. JULY 41 - MAY 42

MR. CRAMER REMAINED AT THE SCHOOL AS A TRAINER FOR NEW RECRUITS. THERE WERE NORMALLY 10 RECRUITS UNDER HIS DIRECTION IN BASIC SOLDIER TRAINING.

4. MAY 42 - JUNE 42

CRAMER'S DETAIL BECAME PART OF THE ZWEITE BATTERIE DER DRITTEN ABTEILUNG DER LEIBSTANDARTE - SS **ADOLF HITLER** (2ND BATTERY OF THE 3RD SECTION OF THE ELITE GROUP OF TROOPS - SS **ADOLF HITLER**) BROUGHT TOGETHER AT SENNELAGER NEAR DETMOLD. HIS GROUP WAS A NEW HEAVY ARTILLERY GROUP INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING LEIBSTANDARTE - SS **ADOLF HITLER**, ARTILLERY SECTION. THE DIVISION COMMANDER WAS SEPP DIETRICH.

5. JUNE 42 - FEBRUARY 43

THE NEWLY FORMED DETAIL WAS SENT TO JOIN THE REST OF LEIBSTANDARTE - SS **ADOLF HITLER** WHICH WAS ON THE EASTERN FRONT, STALINO AREA, IN THE SOVIET UNION. BEFORE THE ARTILLERY GROUP SAW ACTION, THE FRONT CHANGED. CRAMER'S DETAIL WAS THEN IN AUGUST TRANSPORTED TO CHANTRES, FRANCE FOR REST AND TO SERVE AS OCCUPATION TROOPS. THE OBERLEUTNANT (1ST LIEUTENANT) OF THESE TROOPS WAS GLAS.

CRAMER EMPHASIZED AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT HIS DETAIL WAS OF RESERVE TROOPS WHO HAD NO PERMANENT FIGHTING ASSIGNMENT. THE DETAIL WAS USED TO PLUG HOLES WHERE ARTILLERY TROOPS WERE NEEDED.

6. FEBRUARY 43 - MAY 43

CRAMER'S ARTILLERY DETAIL WAS MOVED TO THE EASTERN FRONT, AERA CHARKOW. STALINGRAD HAD FALLEN AND RUSSIAN TROOPS WERE BREAKING THROUGH THE GERMAN LINES.

7. MAY/ JUNE 43

BEHIND THE EAST FRONT LINES, CRAMER WAS GIVEN UNTEROFFIZIER (SERGEANT) TRAINING. HIS DETAIL WAS ALWAYS 10 KILOMETERS BEHIND THE FRONT.

8. JUNE 43 - OCTOBER 43

CRAMER WAS PROMOTED TO UNTEROFFIZIER IN JUNE AND BECAME PART OF A GROUP OF TROOPS CALLED STAB STAUDINGER, NAMED FOR THE DIVISION LEADER GENERAL MAJOR STAUDINGER, AT BENNESCHAU NEAR PRAGUE. CRAMER WAS PART OF A TRAINING GROUP WHICH WAS TRAINING NEW RECRUITS AND EXISTING FORCES WHO WERE IN AUGUST TRANSPORTED TO BELGIUM. THESE TROOPS BECAME A NEW DIVISION NAMED HITLER JUGEND (HITLER YOUTH).

9. OCTOBER 43 - JUNE 44

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CRAMER WAS SENT TO THE 11. VORBEREITUNGSLERGANG AN DIE ARTILLERIE SCHULE BENESCHAU (11. PREPARATION COURSE FOR ARTILLERY SCHOOL). THIS WAS FOLLOWED IN JANUARY BY HIS ENTRY TO RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING (SEE BDC SUMMARY) WHERE HE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION IN SOLDIERING.

10. JUNE 44 - OCTOBER 44

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CRAMER WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT AND PLACED IN BENESCHAU WITH ANOTHER NEWLY ASSEMBLED GROUP OF TROOPS, - IV. ABTEILUNG DES ARTILLERIE-REGIMENTS 20 (4TH SECTION OF THE 20TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT). HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS ABTEILUNGS-ADJUTANT (STAFF OFFICER) OF THE ESTNISCHE ARTILLERIE-REGIMENT 1. HIS COMMANDING OFFICER WAS MAJOR SUURCIVE. THIS REGIMENT WAS ON THE NARWA-ESTLAND FRONT FOR ONE MONTH, JULY, AFTER WHICH THE TROOPS WITHDREW TO GERMANY.

11. OCTOBER 44 - MARCH 45

CRAMER'S REGIMENT STAY AT THE TROOP EXERCISE STATION AT NEUHAMMER/SCHLESIEN. CRAMER REPORTS HE DID NO MORE THAN WAIT DURING THIS TIME. FINALLY IN MARCH, SCHLESIEN BECAME THE FRONT. HE WAS INJURED IN FIGHTING BY GRENADE SCHRAPNEL. HE HAD TINY HOLES ALL OVER BUT INJURED MOST SERIOUSLY IN THE HEAD. THROUGH NERVE DAMAGE CRAMER LOST THE CAPABILITY TO MOVE HIS FACE.

12. MARCH 45 - JULY 45

CRAMER WAS IMMEDIATELY HOSPITALIZED IN SCHLESIEN THEN MOVED ON TO BRUENN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THEN ON TO PRAGUE BEFORE THE END OF MARCH. IN MAY HE WAS MOVED TO A MILITARY FIELD HOSPITAL 60 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF BENESCHAU; THEN AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TO BENESCHAU ITSELF WHERE AS A HOSPITAL PATIENT HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER. DURING MOST OF JUNE AND THE FIRST DAYS OF JULY CRAMER WAS IMPRISONED IN BARMISCH-RUDOLITZ WITH 40,000 OTHER GERMAN PRISONERS. HE WAS RELEASED ON JULY 3, 1945.

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